

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3501**

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TO:	The Honorable Daniel T. "Dan" Cooper, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Disaster Assistance Trust Fund		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3501 would establish the Disaster Assistance Trust Fund and provide for its purpose, source of funding, interest earnings, and administration. The Bill would also amend several sections of the Code of Laws of South Carolina related to the use of emergency support function volunteers.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Treasurer's Office and the Adjutant General's Office both indicate this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Since the Bill expands the definition of a government volunteer to include emergency support function volunteers, any agency may provide transportation mileage reimbursement, a meal allowance, and workers' compensation coverage to emergency support function volunteers. Therefore, the impact on agency expenditures depends on the number of natural/man-made disasters state agencies respond to and the number of volunteers used during those instances which is not readily determinable.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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